

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please amend the specification as follows:

2. Please replace the paragraph [0033], with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] Disposed on an exterior surface of carrier member body 202 is a holding member 212. Holding member 212 extends radially outward from the exterior surface of carrier member body 202 and is configured to be held, grasped ~~grafted~~, or otherwise utilized to control carrier member 200 during placement of the carrier member in a recipient.

3. Please replace the paragraph [0040], with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] As depicted in Figures 2 and 3A, lead 208 extends from carrier member 200. As noted, lead 208 contains at least one connector that extends from electrodes 204 back through body 202 and then to stimulator unit 106. Lead 208 is positioned such that wires passing therethrough do not pass through holding member 212. As such, carrier member 200 may be controlled by grasped ~~grafting~~ holding member 212 without risk of damaging the relatively fine wires that are passing through body 202 of carrier member 200 and into lead 208.

4. Please replace the paragraph [0043], with the following amended paragraph:

[0043] Carrier member tube 400 has at least one slot 402 that extends substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of carrier member body 202. Carrier member tube 400 may also have at least one slot 404 that extends laterally around the circumference of the tube. For ease of illustration and description, carrier tube 400 is shown to have one longitudinal slot ~~tube~~-402 and one lateral slot ~~tube~~-404. In this embodiment, a holding member 408 has an extension arm 410 with a shaft 412 and a retaining member 414 that releasably retains holding member 408 adjacent to tube 400 in slots 402, 404.

5. Please replace the paragraph [0046], with the following amended paragraph:

[0046] It should be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art that the above adjustability, rotatability and removability of holding member 408 may be incorporated into the embodiments described above in connection with Figures 2 and 3A-3B. In one such embodiment, for example, tube 400 is the exterior ~~exterior~~-wall of carrier member body 202. It should also be appreciated that any combination of one or more of these features may be implemented independently of each other.

6. Please replace the paragraph [0051], with the following amended paragraph:

[0051] In a still further embodiment, the indicia may include the tactility of holding member 212 in comparison to the tactility of the remainder of carrier member 200. This difference in feel may be achieved through various techniques now or later developed, such as the selection of a material that comprising at least part of holding member 212. For example, in one embodiment, holding member 212 is formed from a plastic ~~plastics~~ material such as polypropylene while carrier member 200 is formed from a suitable biocompatible material such as silicone. In such an embodiment, holding member 212 will have a different tactility to that of a carrier member 200.

7. Please replace the paragraph [0055], with the following amended paragraph:

[0055] Embodiments of the depicted carrier member 200 may also be insertable using an insertion tool (not shown). Such an insertion tool supports carrier member 200 and assists in delivering electrode array 205 of the carrier member to the insertion location. One insertion tool particularly well-suited for use with certain embodiments a carrier member of the present invention is described in International Application No PCT/AU03/00229, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein. Such embodiments of the present invention are directed to ensuring that the carrier member is shaped in such a manner where the carrier member may easily be adapted for use with such a tool. Figure 5 is a perspective view of a insertion tool cartridge 500 of the above-noted insertion tool. In the embodiment illustrated in Figure 5, support member 214 is configured to extend through a slot 502 in cartridge 500 when carrier

member 200 is placed within the tool. Such an arrangement results in carrier member 200 being operatively installed in the insertion tool with support member 214 extending through the slot 502, and the remaining portion of holding member 212 being located external to the cartridge. Such an embodiment facilitates the implantation of an electrode array 104 that is electrically connected to simulator unit 106 via lead 108 with no electrical connectors therebetween.